



USDA Forest Service
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests



MOUNT ROGERS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

***Repair and Replacement of Multiple Trestles on the
Virginia Creeper National Recreation Trail***

UPDATE FOR WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

- Trestles 24, 25, and 26 will have substructure work.
- Trail users should expect 30-minute delays at these locations. Obey traffic direction.
- Yield to construction traffic on the trail and vehicle traffic on roads.
- **TRAIL CLOSED FOR TRESTLE REPLACEMENT BETWEEN STATE ROAD 726 AND CALLAHAN'S CROSSING. FOLLOW SIGNED DETOUR.**

1. Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy and creates or save millions of jobs so our country can thrive in the 21st century.
- The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

2. Forest Service Role in The Recovery Act

- Under the economic stimulus legislation the President has asked the Forest Service to help put people back to work. Nationwide we will have over a billion dollars this year for our Economic Recovery program and over the next two years, we expect to create almost 20,000 new private sector jobs.
- Projects undertaken under The Recovery Act will help address a wide range of conservation issues, including the impacts of climate change, reduced tree vigor, and reducing the threat of wildfires, as well as improving the quality of trails, roads, and the energy efficiency of facilities.

- 3. Repair and Replacement of Trestles on the Virginia Creeper Trail. *This critical work will provide safe enjoyment to the 200,000 visitors to the Creeper Trail and sustainable economical support to the communities of Damascus, Taylors Valley, Whitetop and Abingdon.***

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